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# STEEL PACT GIVES 15 CENTS INCREASE

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**'GOOD BYE TO HAPPY MEMORIES':** Below the billowing smoke from the death-dealing blast stands a sign erected at the town limits for visiting motorists. Its ironic message reads: "Good Bye—Happy Memories of Texas City."

## Iron Curtain Over Texas City

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**TRAGIC FOR ALL, WORSE FOR THE POOR:** These Texas City homes go up in flames with no one to fight them. The wooden houses of the city's poor fell victim to the post-explosion fires, in some cases taking their inhabitants with them, while wealthier folk were safe in homes of brick.

## Robeson Vows He'll Return to Peoria

CHICAGO, April 20 (UP). — Singer Paul Robeson said today he would return to Peoria, Ill., "in a matter of days" and make a "test case" of his cancelled appearance at the City Hall there.

He said he hoped to take "some liberals" with him when he returned.

(Robeson was to have appeared in Peoria Friday. Two days earlier, the House Un-American Committee assailed Robeson, Peoria reactionaries picked up the Un-American charge and forced the City Council to bar the singer from City Hall. Robeson phoned the Council on African Affairs here that he will report on the Peoria events at a rally this Friday night at the 71st Regiment Armory, 34 St. and Park Ave.)

Charging that the "whole city was in a

reign of terror," the towering Negro baritone said no Peoria minister — white or colored — "had the courage" to let him speak from his pulpit.

"I've never seen anything like it since Franco Spain," he boomed. "The guys who owned the big industries there tried to use this even to beat the brains out of labor. It was the complete fascist technique. Peoria was like an armed camp."

"As far as Peoria is concerned fascism has moved in."

Robeson said he regarded America today as "just one huge conglomeration of company towns."

"In Delaware you can't attack the duPont's" he said. "In Peoria you can't talk against capitalists."

He denied charges by Mayor Carl O. Triebel of Peoria that he had said he would enter that city "fully protected."

"What Americans must understand is that the police in Peoria were backed by vigilante bands of legionnaires," he said.

Asked whether or not he was a Communist, the singer replied:

"There are only two groups in the world today—fascists and anti-fascists. The Communists belong to the anti-fascist group and I label myself an anti-fascist."

"The Communist Party is a legal one like the Republican or Democratic Party and I could belong to either. I could just as well think of joining the Communist Party as any other."

"That's as far as you'll get in any definition from me."





## WORLD EVENTS

# Wallace Warns Of Anti-Soviet Combine in UN

Henry A. Wallace told an audience of 2,000 Norwegians in a motion picture theatre yesterday that there was a "grave danger that the United Nations may become a combination of certain powers against the Soviet Union."

"It would be unfortunate for peace if anything set back the progress of communist planning in Russia," Wallace said.

"I hope Russia is sufficiently secure in a few years to allow greater freedom of movement in and out of the Soviet Union. The only answer to the fundamental problem of international understanding is for

peoples to know each other better."

Referring again to American criticism of his speech abroad, Wallace said:

"If I think criticism of the United States will produce peace, I shall criticize the United States."

"I am confident the American people will arrive at a decision on the side of peace to use the United Nations and not to act unilaterally or use force."

"America will recover from the hysteria virus as a child recovers from the measles."

He was to speak at a farmers' meeting before taking off last night for Copenhagen, Denmark.

### CHURCHILL PEEVED

Plainly nettled by what Wallace said about him in Oslo the night before, Winston Churchill issued a sharply-worded statement saying:

"Mr. Wallace says that 'I dare not confess publicly or privately the convictions of my group that war is inevitable.'"

"My view is as follows: war is not inevitable, but it would be inevitable if Britain and the United States were to follow the policy of appeasement and one-sided disarmament which brought about the last war."

Churchill denied that he had called Wallace a "crypto-Communist"—a Communist who doesn't have the courage to admit he's one—but said that Wallace was associating with such people.

### Says Senators Pop Off After 1 Day in Athens

"One brief day spent in Athens seems a shockingly short time in which to decide on President Truman's aid for Greek fascism," said Michael Mandelakakis, secretary of the American Council of a Democratic Greece, commenting on the statements by four senators and six representatives who returned from Europe last week.

"Our esteemed Senators like Barkley, Hatch and Brewster seem to base American foreign policy on preconceived notions without bothering to ascertain the facts when they have a golden opportunity. It is time the American people had a more forceful say in making our foreign policy more genuine and democratic not only in relation to Greece, but to the whole world," Mandelakakis said.

# Cuba Labor Defies Ban On Fifth Convention.

By George Marion

Cuba's great national trade union federation has just voted to hold the traditional working class May Day parade and has set May 4 for the beginning of the once-postponed Fifth National Workers' Congress.

The decision was made in open defiance of Minister of the Interior Alfredo Peguero and Minister of Labor Benitez who had ordered the congress "indefinitely postponed in order to avoid bloodshed."

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Cuban Confederation of Workers (CTC) which set the date, CTC chief Lazaro Pena denounced a splitting group styling itself the "Worker's Commission," as immediately responsible for the threat of bloodshed. But he was even sharper with the Labor Ministry.

"Minister Benitez argues that he wants to avoid bloodshed. Weak and ridiculous argument! If we are to establish the principle of contempt for the will of the majority wherever there is danger of bloodshed, four hoodlums or any little group of mobsters can paralyze and destroy the trade union movement in the country."

### AFL TIEUP

Gangster violence has been directed primarily at the Popular Socialist (Communist) Party and unions with left wing leadership, latest of the attacks being a night-time dynamiting of the PSP headquarters in Santiago de Cuba. The violence is organized in the United States.

Immediate objective of the terrorists is the capture of power in the CTC or, failing that, the splintering of the Federation. The "Workers Commission" group operates un-

der the direction of Matthew Woll, reactionary American Federation of Labor leader, whose office takes guidance from the State Department.

"The situation is clear," Pena told the committee. "The splitters will not enter the National Workers Congress unless they are assured beforehand of the victory of their imposed candidate. And as Minister Benitez makes their opposition effective, they will oppose whatsoever decision we may make tending to carry out the Congress in a democratic manner."

### EXPECT SABOTAGE

He warned that more than "non-recognition" of the CTC decisions must be expected. "The committee must expect organized sabotage against the Congress and against the May Day parade."

Nor is the crisis confined to the trade union movement. Dr. Miguel Suarez Fernandez, member of President Grau San Martin's Autentico Party, resigned as President of the Senate last week, charging that the independence of the Cuban Congress was threatened.

There is no doubt that a dangerous crisis is developing in Cuba and Cuban democracy badly needs the aid of American workers and other democratic forces. Protests against meddling by the AFL and the State Department would be a minimum American contribution.

# Foster Reports on France

By William Z. Foster

PARIS, April 14 (By Mail). — The democratic forces of France have been shocked by the recent speeches of General De Gaulle, in which he demands that the people disregard existing political parties and regroup themselves under his personal leadership. For this is a head-on attack upon the Republic and an attempt to set up a dictatorship which could only be ultra-reactionary or fascist in character.

It is in this general sense that this great French Communist Party is fighting De Gaulle and seeking to unite all the democratic masses of France to defend their hard-won liberties.

The blatant demagoguery of De Gaulle was met with opposition by the three big government parties—the CP militantly, the SP less decisively, and the MRP

equivocally. Nevertheless De Gaulle presents a real danger. He has behind him all the forces of the right. He can also attract certain opportunist Social Democrats and he will almost surely be able to split the MRP.

### DE GAULLE'S BASE

The main local base of De Gaulle lies with the great capitalists of France. These exploiters, who are mostly fascist at heart, opposed every move that was made before the war to halt the spread of fascism, and when the war came they freely collaborated with the Germans.

For these crimes, they managed almost entirely to escape punishment, what with the help of American, British and Vatican reactionaries. De Gaulle's big capitalist backing is openly admitted in France.

Thus, in the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune (April 12) George Slocum writes: "It (the De Gaulle movement) has already won the support of powerful industrialist and financial groups, and it is clearly in possession of a well-filled war chest."

A second major source of backing for De Gaulle in his efforts

to establish his special brand of fascism in France is the Vatican and its French agents. Just what kind of a political regime the Vatican would like to see in France was made all too clear during the war by its ardent support of the Vichy Government of Petain.

Both Petain and De Gaulle were pre-war fascists. The principal differences between them was that De Gaulle believed that a fascist France should play an important role in the world, whereas Petain was willing, so long as he got fascism, to let France become merely a sort of province of Nazi Germany.

The Communists are stressing the relations between De Gaulle and Petainism. And Slocum, in his unusually frank article, says:

"And he (De Gaulle) is ardently supported by the sections of opinion which solidly supported Marshall Petain. In a sense, it is as if Petain had emerged from his island jail. . . ."

### WALL STREET, TOO

The third main force behind De Gaulle, and this is the most decisive, is Anglo-American imperialism, especially the Ameri-

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KARIN KOCK, a professor, is the first woman to hold a Swedish governmental post. She was named Consultative Minister at a Council meeting in the Royal Palace, Stockholm.

# Big Four Agree on Austria War Blame

The Big Four Foreign Ministers today completed the Preamble to the Austrian treaty, including a provision holding that Austria must share responsibility for the war, Moscow radio reported last night.

The Big Four also agreed on forbidding members of Nazi organizations to serve in the Austrian army and on restricting the building of fortifications in Austria, Moscow said.

But the deputies failed to reach agreement on a treaty proposal for settlement of Austria's displaced persons problem.

### ASK REMOVAL

The Russians insist that these displaced persons be removed from Austria within six months after the treaty come into force.

The United States, Great Britain and France held that such a pro-

vision would necessitate the repatriation of these displaced persons by force, a proposition they refused to approve.

The deputies also failed to get anywhere on Yugoslavia's claims.

Throughout an hour-long wrangle, Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky remained firm in his demand that a 70-mile strip of Carinthia should be given to Yugoslavia—a provision the other three powers firmly resist.

The Foreign Ministers cancelled a scheduled meeting for this afternoon.

Tomorrow morning they will take up a financial report on the free territory of Trieste. In the afternoon they will take up the report from their deputies on Austria.

## WORLD BRIEFS

# JAPAN VOTES FOR NEW COUNCILLORS

JAPANESE went to the polls in one of the most important elections ever held through the country. To choose 250 members of the new house of councillors, replacing the former house of peers with its 355 members.

A GROUP of Portuguese soldiers tried to start a rebellion on April 10, the Portuguese war ministry announced, the rebels were known to have support in the Tomar, Abrantes, Torres Novas and Leiria areas.

VITTORIO MUSSOLINI, son of the late Italian dictator, is a cattle breeder in Argentina under the alias of "Carlo Badero," the newspaper El Mundo of Buenos Aires reported.

THE SOVIET - licensed newspaper BERLINER ZEITUNG reported today in a dispatch from Pirna, Saxony, that many German youths had asked Czechoslovakia to give them visas so they could help rebuild the town of Lidice, in the hope of "wiping out the memory of some of the in-

famous actions of the Nazis."

SIMON PATINO, the Bolivian tin king who is considered the "richest man in South America," died of a heart attack in the Hotel Plaza of Buenos Aires. He was 87.

THE CHIEF of staff and nine other high officers of the Egyptian army arrived at LaGuardia field to begin a tour of American military installations.

FORTY PERSONS were killed and 200 injured when a carload of dynamite blew up in the railway yard of Fiume, the city which was ceded to Yugoslavia by peace treaty. Yugoslav authorities, immediately suspecting sabotage, started an investigation.

NAVY OFFICIALS, in charge of rocket tests at Point Mugu, Cal., would not admit or deny that German scientists are working for them. "That information is classified," Capt. A. B. Scales, director of the tests, told United Press. This is Navy language for "secret," but correspondents say it means "Yes."



# Bomb Holy Land Army Camps

Five British army camps were reported bombed tonight and electric power cut off at eight points along Palestine's 300-mile coastal belt.

Army spokesmen confirmed reports that six soldiers were wounded when a bomb was thrown into a military movie at Natanya, a diamond center between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

A communique also reported that a camp was bombed near Rehovot, eight miles south of Tel Aviv, without giving details.

No confirmation was available on reports that other bomb attacks were made against army camps at Hadera, Petah-Tikva and Raanana, all north of Tel Aviv.

Dov Gruner and three other executed members of the Jewish underground were buried in the ancient city of Safad in northern Palestine last Wednesday, eyewitnesses told United Press yesterday.



## LABOR and the NATION



**She Found Her Husband:** This Texas City woman found her husband—in the morgue. She is shown being led away after recognizing him as one of the disaster victims. (See story back page).

# Steel Pact Provides 15 Cents Hour Raise

PITTSBURGH, April 20.—President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers of America today announced agreement on a new wage contract with U.S. Steel providing a raise that will average a little over 15 cents an hour.

The new pact covering the corporation's 140,000 workers was expected to set a pattern for the rest of the steel industry's 900,000 workers, and to influence wage negotiations in other fields.

The agreement, essentially, follows the outline of settlements already announced for General Mo-

tors and Westinghouse electrical workers.

The raises will bring average hourly earnings from \$1.35 to \$1.52 or from \$54 to \$60.80 for a 40-hour week, the company estimated.

Formal signing is set for Tuesday following ratification by the union's 140-man policy committee today.

An across-the-board raise of 12½ cents an hour will be given all workers effective April 1. The remainder of the raise will go for elimination of inequities by increases in certain categories; vacation improvements, reduction of the North-South differential and establishment of a severance pay program.

In the case of the electrical workers, 11½ cents was across-the-board; most of the rest went for six paid holidays.

The steel pact is to run for two years with a wage reopener after the first year.

Maintenance of membership and the dues checkoff stays as in the old contract. U. S. Steel wanted an open shop while the union asked for the union shop.

The new raise is in addition to last February's average five cents an hour which resulted from a study to eliminate wage inequalities.

The company gave the union a letter promising to enter into a joint study looking towards establishment of a social insurance fund. The deadline for completion of the study was set for Nov. 1.

The new contract will narrow the southern differential to three cents an hour. The change in the vacation clause provides a third week for employees with 25 years or more service with the company. The present provision of one week after a year and two weeks after five is continued.

## SEVERANCE PAY

The severance pay clause is a new one and is expected to add considerably to job security. In case of a shutdown or discontinuance of a department, discharged workers will receive severance ranging from four weeks pay for three years service to eight weeks for 10 years.

Other improvements include clarification of safety provisions speeding up of the grievance machinery; clarification of the seniority clause; clarification of work schedules.

The company strongly objected to the holiday demand, claiming that steel production is continuous while

other industries could more easily shut down for holidays.

The new pact, U. S. Steel estimated, will cost it \$42,000,000 more a year.

## TRUSTS MEET

The pact followed a reported meeting here of top corporation heads among them Benjamin Fairless of U. S. Steel; C. E. Wilson of General Motors and an unidentified representative of General Electric. GM's and Westinghouse electrical contracts followed quickly and a similar offer from GM for auto workers, while viewed as "unsatisfactory" by the UAW, is still a subject of negotiations.

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers is due to resume talks with GE Tuesday when that corporation's offer will be made known.

# U. S. Says Savings Drop 50%

WASHINGTON, April 20.—A drop of almost 50 percent in the amount of savings put by by American people during the last year was reported by the U. S. Department of Commerce today.

Savings fell from \$33 billion in 1945 to \$19 billion in 1946, it is revealed in the April issue of Survey of Current Business, official department publication.

The survey follows hard on the heels of President Truman's optimistic statement on economic prospects at the Democratic Party's Jefferson Day dinner: "We are viewing a panorama of prosperity—such prosperity as no generation of Americans before us ever experienced."

The Commerce Department's blamed the rapid liquidation of savings on "price rises, increased quantities of consumer goods, expanded consumer credit and the disappearance of wartime saving pressures."

The report notes further that holders of Series E government bonds (the least expensive) cashed in \$5,000,000,000 worth, while Series F and G (the more costly) holdings increased by \$2,000,000,000.

A further decline in savings for 1947 is forecast, the first quarter already continuing last year's trend "because of additional price rises and the continued expansion of consumer debt."

Savings in the form of currency and bank deposits, the Commerce Department reveals, were about one-third below those of 1945, while insurance buying was "moderately below the 1945 volume."

The prime reason for the savings drop, only coyly hinted at in the Commerce Department's publicity release on its survey, was more sharply underscored by the Department of Labor over the weekend.

The department's consumers' price index for March 15 was "an all-time high . . . 20 percent higher than a year ago, and 58 percent above August, 1939."

# Penn. AFL Plans Statewide Protest on Slave Labor Bill

The powerful Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, AFL, joined the growing counter-offensive against "slave labor" legislation with a call for a "rank and file" march on Harrisburg, the state's capital, Wednesday. Such action, stressed president James McDevitt of the Federation in a letter to all affiliates, is the "only means" to defeat the state anti-labor program patterned after the Hartley "Slave Bill" in Congress.

Thousands of CIO members will also converge on Harrisburg Wednesday when the CIO's convention will open in that city.

"In order to counteract the propaganda circulated by anti-labor forces to the effect that it is only the labor leaders who oppose these restrictive measures," wrote McDevitt. "It is imperative that we have as many of your officers and members as you can spare to appear with us at that time, April 23, in order to convince the Legislature of Pennsylvania that the rank and file are definitely concerned with this type of legislation."

"We are satisfied that a demonstration of this type is the only means by which we may bring about a defeat of these measures."

## New York

### Rally Tuesday

Tuesday will see New York City's turnout of protesting workers at the CIO's Madison Square Park rally. Many shops are planning to knock off before usual time and march in a body to the meeting.

Detroit's big turnout at Cadillac Square Thursday will be highlighted by a general stoppage in all auto plants at 2 p.m. Other CIO groups were voting to join in the protest.

Demonstrations, in some case by joint arrangement of AFL and CIO unions, are getting under way in other industrial centers.

## SENATE TO ACT

They will be reaching their high point as the Senate begins debate on its anti-labor measure sponsored by Senator Taft's Labor Committee. The bill will be brought on the Senate floor Wednesday.

Debate is expected to continue through next week.

Delegations from various states will also be marching into Washington in increasing numbers.

Senator Joseph Ball, meanwhile, announced his intention to lead a reactionary bloc in the Senate for amendments to "toughen" the anti-labor bill for the upper chamber. He would restore a ban on industry-wide bargaining and the closed shop and otherwise bring it fully in line with the Hartley Bill.

# Phone Talks Stalemated, Pa. Union Joins Strike

WASHINGTON, April 20.—With peace talks in the telephone strike at a stalemate, president Joseph Beirne of the National Federation of Telephone Workers said the walkout will be "bolstered" Monday morning when members of Pennsylvania's phone union join the strike.

As the strike entered its third week, Beirne said the Bell system's weekend back-to-work movement will be as "phony as last weekend."

The NPTW head indicated the electrical and steel wage settlements "had pulled the last prop from under" the telephone companies' refusal to make a wage offer.

## CITES NEW FACTS

Beirne urged the Department of Labor to get the telephone negotiators back into conference. Earlier he laid the situation before President Truman in an apparent bid for White House intervention.

American Telephone and Telegraph, spokesmen meanwhile, laid chief stress on claims that long distance telephone service was increasing. Hopes were also pinned on back-to-work movements.

The union's lines were bolstered by pickets and financial aid from AFL and CIO unions. The New

York State CIO has turned over substantial contributions from affiliates.

Henry Mayer, attorney for four striking New Jersey phone unions, charged that civil liberties were being endangered by AT&T activities.

In a telegram to Truman, Mayer cited New Jersey's recently enacted law banning strikes in utilities and a court ruling this week in Florida prohibiting picketing.

He charged both actions were influenced by AT&T and said that Russel E. Watson, then a director of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and counsel of the governor admitted helping write the anti-labor law.

New Jersey State Attorney General Walter Van Riper asked the Chancery Court Saturday to review the anti-strike law to determine its constitutionality.

He said his action would force a delay in the attack begun in federal court at Newark by the unions.

# NEW ORLEANS PRIEST STABBED AT ALTAR

NEW ORLEANS, April 20 (UP).—A Jesuit priest, serving communion before the altar of the famed Church of the Immaculate Conception, was stabbed four times today by an ex-Marine who attacked him with a small pocket knife while the congregation looked on in horror.

Doctors at Mercy Hospital worked desperately to save the life of the priest, Father James Courtney, 52. He was on the operating table for more than two hours. Despite severe loss of blood, his condition tonight was described as "fair" and physicians said he had a chance to live.

Seized and disarmed within seconds by the worshippers was 27-year-old Done L. Laurentz of Houston, Tex. Taken to police headquarters, Laurentz steadfastly re-

fused to explain his motive or to talk about the assault.

"He is a psychopathic case of some sort," Police Lt. Warren B. Phillips said.

## KNELT QUIETLY

Long lines of the faithful had filed to the front of the church to receive communion. Laurentz took his place quietly before the railing and knelt to receive the holy water.

As the priest bent over, the marine leaped upwards and thrust the small-bladed knife into Father Courtney's throat.

The priest recoiled, and before nearby worshippers could move to his aid, Laurentz leaped over the communion railing and stabbed the priest again in each side of the neck and once in the back.

## BLOOD STREAMING

The priest, still clutching his communion chalice, blood stream-

ing over his vestments, fell backward on the floor of the sanctuary.

The priest was unable to speak. He was taken to the hospital in a police wagon so that it would not be necessary to wait for an ambulance. A call for blood donors received an immediate and overwhelming response.

Laurentz refused to answer even the simplest questions. Papers he carried gave police no clues to his occupation but did show he was an ex-Marine.

The church doors were closed pending purification under the laws of the Catholic Church, whenever a crime is committed inside church doors, the building must be closed and purified—either by the archbishop or a priest appointed by him and then a service of reparation must be held before it can again be used as a place of worship.



# NEW YORK

## Carnegie Pickets Say Let Freedom Sing, Not Flagstad

While a self-conscious audience listened to pro-Nazi Kirsten Flagstad, Norwegian collaborationist, at Carnegie Hall yesterday, thousands of New Yorkers heard the right note from a mass picket line outside. The pickets—100 actors, musicians and artists—demonstrated before the 56th and 57th Street entrances for three hours. The action was sponsored by the Musicians and Theater chapters of the American Veterans Committee, the Congress of American Women and the Progressive Citizens of America.

Wearing armbands which read "Stop Fascist Artists," the pickets won a democratic response from passersby. A few ticket holders who arrived at the Hall changed their minds about going in and received refunds at the box office.

But the character of the audience was typified by a jewel-tiarad dowager who stood on the steps of Carnegie Hall and cursed the pickets as "bums and Jews." Another haughty Flagstad-lover, swept up to Sam Berger, secretary of the Musicians chapter of the AVC and shouted at her.

"Outrageous, you're nothing but a Jew."

The "concert" outside, however, was a huge success.

Some of the placards that evoked spontaneous sidewalk applause were: "You're off-pitch with the American people, Flagstad"; "If Norway can do without collaborationists, so can we"; "Let freedom sing, not Flagstad"; "Send Brunhilde back to Valhalla"; "Don't look, Flagstad, but your swastika is showing."

One sign quoted Flagstad as reported in Walter Winchell's column on March 26, 1947: "Artists would be much better off in areas dominated by the Third Reich." Another quoted the president of the Norwegian Parliament: "As far as the Norwegian people are concerned Kirsten Flagstad is dead."

Across the street at 171 W. 57th

St., Winchell watched the demonstration from Fred Allen's apartment.

The audience inside Carnegie Hall was large—the box office said it was a "sellout weeks ago"—but the music lovers in New York, judging from the demonstration were thrilling to a rendition of "Goodbye Forever" dedicated to Kirsten Flagstad.

## CACCHIONE SAYS GAS CO. FAKES DATA TO BOOST RATES

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione of Brooklyn will charge before Public Service Commission hearings beginning today that the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. is presenting a false financial picture in its request for increased gas rates.

The Communist Councilman will appear at the public hearings with his Manhattan colleague in the Council, Benjamin J. Davis. Both will submit presentations opposing the company's request to the Commission for a rate increase.

Cacchione is expected to submit a report based on the company's own figures in an attempt to block the request. He will charge that the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. gave a distorted public report on its 1946 profit and loss balance by claiming \$853,000 as "an expense." Cacchione will argue that this money is actually a profit and that the company's admitted \$1,600,000 profit last year was \$2,483,000.

Appearing with the two Councilmen in opposition to the gas rate increase appeal will be Abraham Osheroff, Brooklyn Communist leader. The Public Service Commission will also hold hearings at 233 Broadway on arguments on the increase requests from the King County Lighting Co. and the Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.

## Negro Unemployment Rising

### JIMCROW ON JOBS BOOSTS FIGURES

By Abner Berry

Negro workers are feeling the pinch of joblessness in a market showing "general uncertainty," and with total employment "receding," according to the New York Department of Labor. From the department's figures, Negro unemployed can be figured at above 60,000 over 20 percent of the whole.

The process is now on of pushing Negro workers into the lowest-paid jobs, following the war, then bouncing them from these as hard times approaches. And both private employers and the government carry through the process. The solution is in the hands of the labor movement, the Negro people and the government—state and national.

Wiley Simmons, Negro member of the Sperry Gyroscope plant grievance committee, thinks that the trade unions can be the most effective in the fight. The UE local at Sperry's decided after V-J Day to waive seniority rules allowing no less than 200 Negroes to retain their war time jobs. The company, utilizing union dissidents, has been able to whittle the number of Negroes in the plant to 50. Simmons criticizes Negro workers who fail to participate in local meetings for part of the union's failure.

The so-called US Committee for Democratic Action, a disruptionist, anti-Communist faction in the union, has utilized the absence of Negro workers from union meetings to thwart the realization of the union decision in favor of Negro jobs.

Not only should the union be concerned with this, Simmons feels, but that community groups should aid since there is such a direct connection between jobs for Negro workers and community welfare.

### ANTI-BIAS BODY

Simmons didn't want to be misunderstood as stating that the Negroes were responsible for their own oppression. Within the union, he pointed out, it was the white workers, new to the union and not understanding the Negro question, who put the brakes on.

In order to overcome this, he endorsed the proposal for all local unions to establish anti-discrimination committees and to conduct consistent education among both white and Negro workers against racial prejudice and boss-inspired divisions.

Practically every union official agreed on the need to amend the Ives-Quinn Bill making it possible for organizations to present discrimination cases to SCAD. For in many instances a worker discriminated against either will not know the law, or will not be inclined to push through the fight singlehandedly. Trade unions and other organizations would not only represent the individual but would be able to follow up and see that hiring policies remained in conformity with the law. "Token compliance"

would be done away with in this way.

Closely connected with this is the proposal of the Urban League industrial secretary, Julius A. Thomas, that proper statistics be kept of minority hiring and that SCAD have the right to examine employer turnover at regular intervals of firms cited for unfair practices.

This provision would also hit at getting around the law by hiring a Negro janitor. Under the law all private agencies are at a disadvantage to find the number of Negroes employed and unemployed. As the law is now drawn and interpreted statistics which would show the existence of discrimination are outlawed. Unemployment and discrimination are driven underground. Among government workers the main target is the present civil service procedures whereby a supervisor can accept or reject any, or all, of a three man panel sent from the register.

Herman Serby, international representative of UPW-CIO joined with Mrs. Clarissa Cumbo, chairwoman of the Internal Revenue branch of the union, in calling for a change in federal civil service procedure. It is this procedure which enabled Ernest Campbell, chief of the Internal Revenue division here, to announce

that most of the Negro workers will be dropped from that agency following civil service examinations.

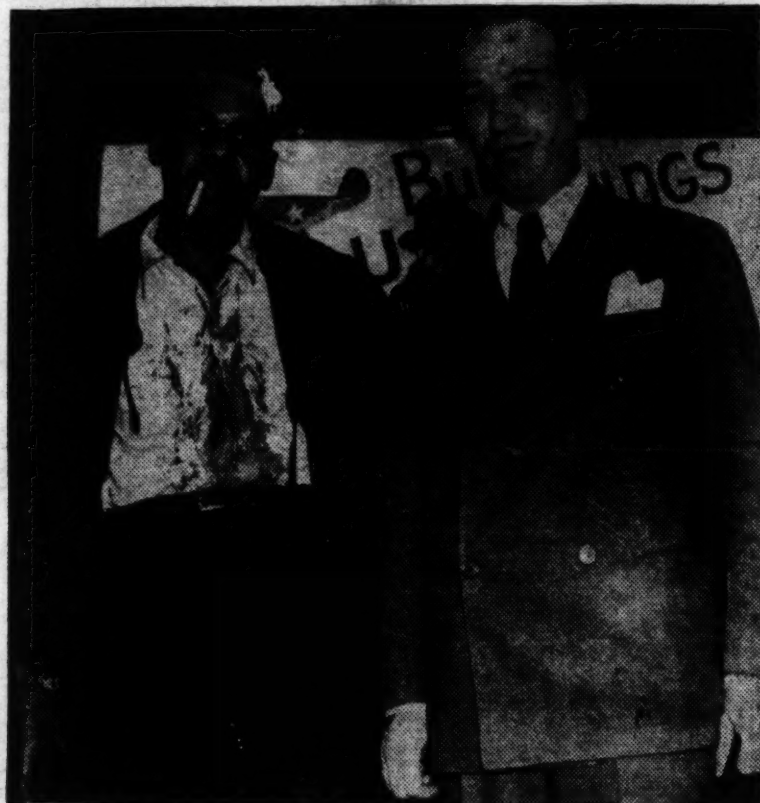
Nationally the UPW-CIO is pushing a campaign, backed by the entire CIO, for a Presidential order establishing fair practices procedure for all government agencies and departments. And coupled with this is the urgent need for passage of a federal Fair Employment Practices Law.

Unemployment is growing in New York and elsewhere in America. Labor—Negro and white—is girding to fight its ravages. But a special phase of the fight is the campaign for the Negro's right to all jobs.

The fight for the right of Negro workers to jobs is the fight against the accumulation of a Negro labor reserve. And in New York that reserve is already piled 60,000 men high.

### Urge Polish Citizens To Register

The World Jewish Congress has urged all Polish citizens in the United States, who suffered war damages as a result of Nazi aggression, to register their claims with the Polish Consulate General before April 30, 1947.



**Beaten Negro Faces Trial:** William J. Dessau, 36 (left) lay preacher of Freeport, goes on trial on four charges of second degree assault in Nassau County Court today. He is shown with his attorney, Stanley Faulkner, after he was beaten June 8 by four Rockville Center police for reporting the presence of a cop at gambling joint. But in a county notorious for its policemen's brutality as exemplified in the death of the Ferguson brothers, Dessau himself was charged with beating the cops!

A request by Dessau's counsel to vacate the indictment because Negroes have been excluded from the county grand jury panel was denied. Nevertheless, two Negroes were added to the panel last January as a result of the Dessau case.

## EVICCTIONS GROWING FASTER THAN TREES IN BROOKLYN

"Evictions are growing faster in Brooklyn these days than trees," Mrs. Lee Marin, chairman of the Brooklyn Consumers and Tenants Council said yesterday.

She said she was worried because evictions were mounting and "people need help badly."

Her organization is sponsoring a Brooklyn conference on Rent and Housing, Saturday, May 3, at 1 p.m. which will call for a moratorium on evictions.

"You can't imagine some of the heart-rending stories we get about families being dispossessed with no

place to go."

The conference which will be held at The Livingston, 301 Schermerhorn St., will be attended by delegates from organized houses. More than 1,000 organizations have been invited to attend, she asserted.

Other issues at the conference will include rent control, services and decent health standards and a public housing program.

### AJC Calls Parley

A conference in defense of religious and civil liberties under the auspices of the Manhattan Division and the Manhattan Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress will be held next Sunday afternoon at the Washington Heights YM and YWHA, 178 St. and Fort Washington Avenue.

### Condolences

Sincere condolences to Ellen Julius on the loss of her MOTHER—from the chorus of the Furriers Joint Council.

—Anne Parness, Organizer.

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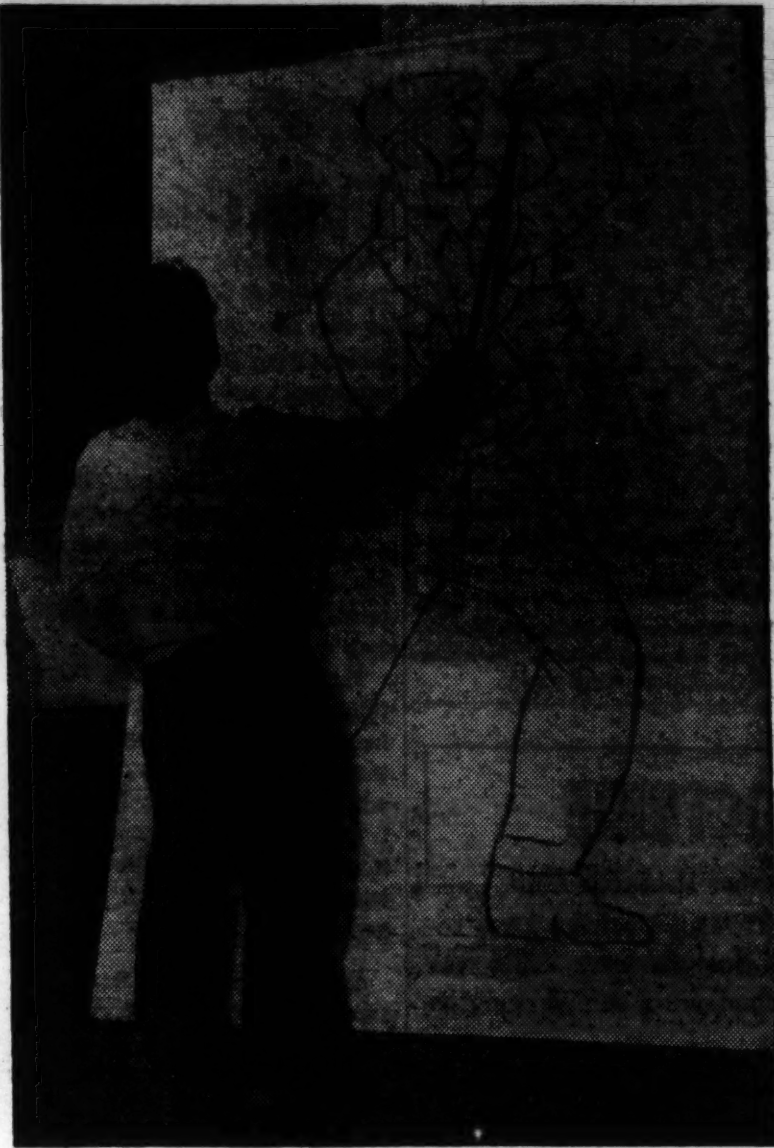
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One of many artist volunteers sketches in the figure of a worker from a small drawing at left.

## SLIM CONNELLY—UNION MAN FROM A UNION TOWN

By Bernard Burton

To tens of thousands of California workers who have been through strikes and other union battles, Philip Connelly is just plain Slim. The tall, rangy secretary of the Los Angeles CIO Council has been on almost every major picket line in his city. He is one of those who took the lead in changing Los Angeles from an open shop haven into an union town—all in the space of about 10 years.

Connelly was just stopping over in New York before flying back to the Coast when we caught him last Wednesday. He had just attended the national CIO legislative conference in Washington and came here to look up some old friends.

Slim chuckled when we asked him how he fared under the 50-day jail sentence he recently completed on a Los Angeles work farm. "It was the longest rest

I've had in years," he said.

He wasn't recommending it, however. Connelly and 22 others were arrested on the U. S. Motors picket line in January, 1946, for defying an anti-picketing injunction.

There was no doubt the police were out to get Slim Connelly. They tried him separately from the others; he was the only one to draw a jail sentence. Connelly decided not to appeal because the cost would be a severe drain on the unions.

Connelly's closest interest was naturally the American Newspaper Guild. A newspaperman for 20 years, Connelly was assistant city editor of the Los Angeles Herald and Express when he and a few others set up the first Guild unit in the city.

Milton Murray, red-baiting president of the ANG, tried to move in on the Guild there during the long Hearst strike last year. It didn't take long for the Guildsmen to repudiate him, however, when they discovered Murray was more interested in building a personal machine than in fighting for a contract.

The red-howlers tried to gang up on Connelly recently to keep him off the Council, but the scheme flopped.

### DRUB RED-BAITERS

What's more, the redbaiters got licked in their own locals. In the UAW, for example, the Reuther forces took a drubbing in Douglas (Long Beach), Ford, General Motors, Studebaker and North American Aviation. Even the amal-

# May Day Floats'll Be Tops

Her blue jeans rolled up, her blouse tied in midriff fashion, 19-year-old Ann Rainerman, was bending over a huge banner yesterday swishing the white paint brush with a firm hand.

The young commercial artist was one of some 40 volunteers who are working on May Day floats now in the making at the cellar of the Furriers Joint Council building, 250 W. 26th St.

Ann has worked in display studios for some time but never offered her talents for May Day before. In fact, this year will mark her debut in the line of march, presently unemployed, would be a cutie in any parade.

The hammering, painting,

drawing, lettering and designing now going in the cellar will add up to 12 spectacular floats. They will be used by the United May Day Committee, the Greek local of the Furriers Joint Council, Joint Council 13 of the Shoe Workers, the State Committee of the New York State Communist Party, the Communist veterans, Local 65, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, Daily Worker, Freiheit, New Masses, Needle Workers and others.

Some of the floats will depict: A huge globe on the One World theme; a giant swivel foot kicking the trust; a May Day Scroll; a Greek king supported by U. S. moneybags; a Flanders Field

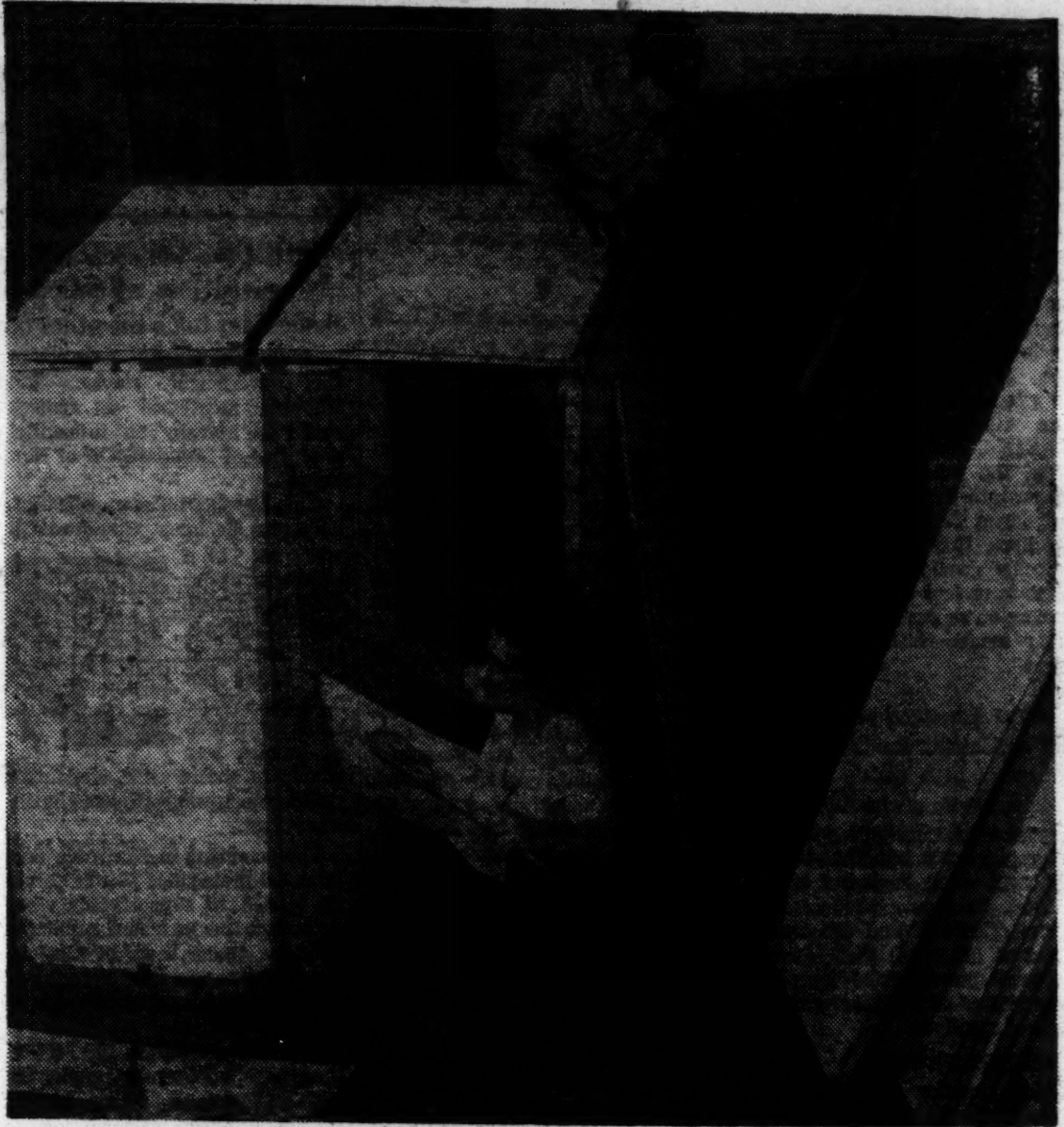
motif; a warehouse being picketed; a huge printing press; a monster typewriter and so on.

### UPLIFT

Many of the banners will deal with puns of the trade, like Bressiere Works say, "We want an Uplift in Wages." Communist veterans will carry signs of the ruptured duck.

It's impossible to describe all the banners and floats which represent the imagination and muscle work of workers who are on the job from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

In order to finish the work in time, the United May Day Committee is asking for more experienced carpenters, letterers and commercial artists.



Ann Rainerman works on one of the May Day floats in the basement of the Furriers Joint Council.

—Daily Worker Photos by Peter

## Youth Meet Tonight In FDR Tribute

Two thousand young people of all races and creeds will meet tonight at the Central Needle Trades High School, to pay tribute to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dr. Algernon Black, of the Ethical Culture Society, and William Agar, President.

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# THE WAR ON SMALLPOX

By Peter Stone

**T**HERE is no excuse for still having cases of smallpox. An epidemic of the disease is not a catastrophe, but a scandal. This highly communicable disease has been

one of the great scourges of mankind. It swept over the entire world in great pandemics with devastating effects. Scientists calculate that Germany alone had more than 30,000 deaths annually from the sickness. The French physicist Bernoulli estimated that 6,000,000 people in Europe perished from smallpox during the eighteenth century. On an average, over 40,000 cases were reported annually in this country during the first quarter of the present century.

It had been known in the early 1700's in the eastern part of the world that those who had an attack of the disease and survived were somehow protected against further infection. It became obvious that it was of great advantage to have a mild form of smallpox and numerous attempts were made to induce the sickness.

In Hindustan children were wrapped in the clothing of smallpox victims. In China, the powdered scabs that had fallen from the skin of patients were blown into the nostrils through a tube. The Turks introduced dried smallpox tissue beneath healthy skin by needle pricks. This was done to protect the beauty of their Caucasian slaves, who would bring little money with pock-marked faces.

**SUCH A** method of inoculation or "variolation" was introduced to European high society by Lady Montagu, wife of the British ambassador in Constantinople. The importance of this method became apparent when successful experimental tests were conducted on seven criminals and six orphan children. It was then deemed proper to inoculate the "more valuable" lives of the royal children against smallpox.

## FRANKLIN'S ROLE

The practice spread rapidly over England and to the continent. The many-sided genius of Benjamin Franklin was also attracted to the field. In 1754 he published a pamphlet bearing the title, "Some Account of the Success of Inoculation for the Smallpox in England and America."



**It's for Your Own Good, Billy:** Howling with all his might, Billy Frohlick, 3, gets his inoculation against smallpox in Camden, N. J., where a man recently died of the disease. His mother holds Billy as the doctor does his job.

This reported on the inoculation of 800 cases in the colonies. Franklin's pamphlet noted that in almost all cases except four that smallpox inoculation was successful. He concluded that "surely parents will no longer refuse to accept and thankfully use a discovery God in his mercy has been pleased to bless mankind with."

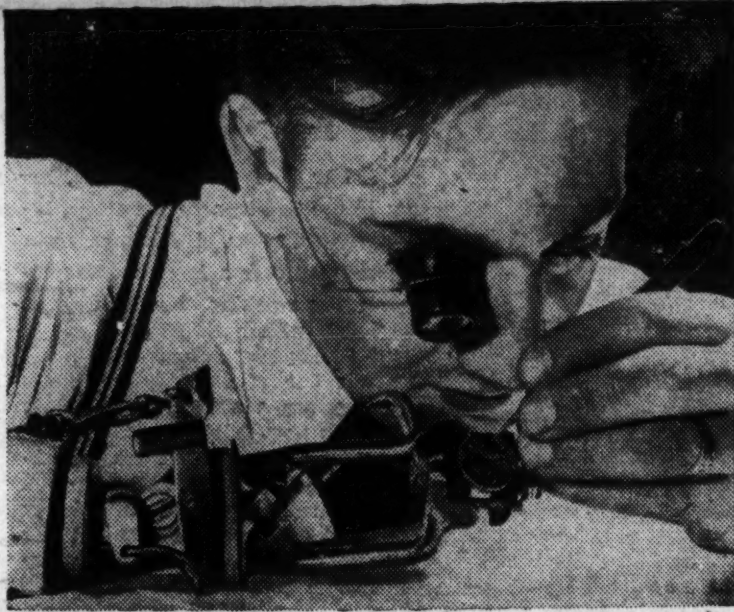
By 1797 inoculation practices had spread throughout the world. Fifty thousand people were treated in Mexico. Inoculation centers were established all over the European main land. But distrust began to spread about the method because the inoculated individuals had true smallpox and thus endangered the rest of the community. Furthermore the mortality rate of inoculating smallpox was not insignificant: as high as 3 to 6 percent. It became necessary to look for another method to halt the disease.

**AT THE** same time a belief had become widespread in England that dairymaids and agricultural workers who caught the contagious "cowpox" disease were immune to the ravages of smallpox. This disease was an eruptive condition affecting the udder and teats of cows which made its first appearance as red pimples. Cowpox was further spread through dairy herds by the infected hands of milk handlers.

A small crack or abrasion on the hands of dairy maids would furnish an entry to some of the infective material from the cattle. In about a week little inflamed pimples would appear on the skin, which quickly passed to the scab stage. Country people noted that those who had such "cowpox" attacks seemed to be adequately protected against smallpox.

Dr. Edward Jenner, English country practitioner, decided to test this popular superstition. He secured material from a cowpox victim and inoculated an eight-year-old boy. The disease "took" and Jenner then inoculated his small patient with smallpox. He repeated this experiment many times but never could induce the disease in those who had been immunized with cowpox.

Next week's column will discuss the present smallpox vaccination campaign.



**Maimed Vet Does Skilled Job:** Ralph Padavano lost his right arm in the war. But he has become an expert in watchmaking, a profession requiring the greatest dexterity. With his steel "fingers," he holds the watch while his good hand adjusts the watch's tiny parts.

## ECONOMIC ISSUES

# AN OIL DOCTRINE

By Labor Research Assn.

**T**HE OIL ASPECTS of the Truman Doctrine have received less attention than they deserve. This was made clear to us the other day when one of our Washington

business advisers (no, he's not in the government service, Mr. Hoover) mentioned a remark made to him by an influential executive of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

This big-shot oil man said that, so far as he knew, Standard Oil was not the originator of the Greco-Turkish "aid" scheme. But he would say that the Truman-Vandenberg course of empire was wholly in accord with Standard's policies and profit prospects in the Near East.

The comment in the trade and financial press since March 12 has all tended to support this view, that first the President and now Congress, under cover of a colossal red scare, are carrying out the expressed wishes of the House of Rockefeller.

U. S. oil interests in the Middle East have apparently caught up with and surpassed those of British imperialism with which a competitive struggle for oil was waged for over 25 years.

**ONE OF THE** latest reviews of the present oil situation appeared in last week's *Barron's* (April 14), an articulate spokesman for monopoly capital. An unsigned article carries the title, "Oil Companies Expand Enormously in Near East." It discusses the spread of U. S. oil investments in Arabia which are "On Eve of Paying Huge Dividends."

Facts in this article substantiate the data on oil imperialism summarized in our April *Economic Notes*. There we listed, country by country, the U. S. corporations involved in concessions of operations in this whole area which now has, as *Barron's* says, oil reserves, "almost equal to those of the U. S."

The position of U. S. oil investment in the Middle East can be sketched in another way, by listing the companies involved and the specific countries in which they are working. Here is the barest outline of the situation:

Standard Oil Co. of California, tied in with Continental Illinois Bank Trust Co., owns, jointly with the Texas Co., the Arabian-American Oil Co. (Aramco). Output of 225,000 barrels a day has already been reached by Aramco from its enormous Saudi Arabian operations. It is going to build a 1,200-mile pipe line across the Arabian desert to the Mediterranean coast.

**LOANS OF \$125 million** for this pipe line are being made by Wall Street-controlled insurance

companies while the Chase National Bank (Rockefeller) is making an additional loan of \$100 million to the expanding corporation.

California Standard also has a half interest in Bahrain Petroleum Co. which operates off the east coast of Arabia.

Standard Oil Co. (N.J.), the leading Rockefeller company, is a partner in Iraq Petroleum Co., an international company (British, U. S., French, Dutch capital) with concessions in Iraq, Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Qatar, Cyprus and Trans-Jordan.

It is also acquiring a 30 percent interest in Aramco, and is involved through a purchase agreement in the 60-year concession in southern Iran given to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. (British)

**SOCONY-VACUUM OIL CO.** is another partner in Iraq Petroleum (see above) and is obtaining a 10 percent in Aramco. Like Jersey Standard it has a contract for the sale of large quantities of Iranian oil produced by Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.

Texas Co. is involved in the above-described Aramco in the same way as California Standard. It also owns one half of the stock of Bahrain Petroleum Co., the other half, as noted, being owned by California Standard.

Gulf Oil Corp. (controlled by Mellon interests) owns, jointly with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., the Kuwait Oil Co. with a concession in the Kingdom of Kuwait on the Persian Gulf;

Of course the profit interest of these Wall Street companies is always sweetened up in the press with talk about "national security." A typical item appeared a few days before the Truman Doctrine was announced. Clifton Daniel of the *New York Times*, March 1 writing from Cairo about the network of pipe lines and concessions in Arabia, said it was obvious what this means to the United States:

"It means, first, a supply for foreign markets of American companies—the opportunity to make money. . . . In the long run it means having adequate reserves for the purposes of war."

## WORTH REPEATING

"The consumer part of gross national product is definitely shrinking, while there is every reason to believe that the real capital investment part is also due to decline in the immediate future. Such developments are likely to lead to a depression of a more serious nature than the capitalist economists now predict. They hope for a relatively quick price 'adjustment' and then a 'resumption' of the upward trend. We believe they have miscalculated." From an article by the Labor Research Association in the April issue of *Political Affairs*.

## Press Roundup

# Moscow Meet A Failure, Says Times Hopefully

**THE TIMES** ruminates on what it already considers "the failure" of the Moscow conference, and takes a backward look on U. S. war aims, which were "realization of the concept of One World and all that goes with it."

But it seems, says the *Times*, that the Soviet Union broke her wartime pledges and "began to embark on a policy of aggrandizement," which "splits the world in two."

Thus, we are supposedly "confronted with the prospect of losing one of our chief objectives in the war and having to deal with not with One World, but with two." Russia can join "our world" if she wants to, says the *Times*; otherwise we go ahead without her.

**ALSO IN** the *Times*, Raymond Daniell reports on Turkey's economic position, which turns out to be so good, it makes you wonder why she needs any loans. Last year her export balance was favorable by nearly 200 million lira, or about \$65 million. Turkey's gold reserve rose during the war from 25 tons to more than 200 tons, Daniell shows the Turkish national budget for this year comes to about \$405,000,000. Of this 20 percent is for Turkey's Army—about 80 million. This means the United States will be giving Turkey about 40 percent of her entire national budget in one year and almost twice what she herself allocates for her army. Nice piece of change, if you can get it.

**THE HERALD TRIBUNE** does not share the optimism of Paul Hoffman, head of the Committee for Economic Development, who has "some doubt" there'll be an economic recession. "A modest drop in food prices would be beneficial in many ways," says the *Trib*, and then asks whether "a measure of industrial peace can be maintained in the next few months." If yes, says the *Tribune*, the recession can be mild; if not, then inflation is at the door. But it notes that Hoffman (president of Studebaker) feels 15 cents an hour more in the auto plants can be paid without price rises.

**WILLIAM L. SHIRER** begins his investigation of Churchill's charges about the Greek guerrillas in the *Trib* and promises another article next week. Shirer quotes British Intelligence reports of 1945 to the effect that only ten percent of the EAM was Communist and then traces the character of the Greek governments until the present one. The present Greek parliament, he finds, is without representation of the Center or the Left. "There are men prominent in the Greek government who collaborated with the Nazis and others who did nothing to oppose them."



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## Freedom on the Campus

HOW FAR the un-American Committee wants to take America along the totalitarian path is made clear by its attack against the youth movement and academic freedom.

Major target of the Rankin men was American Youth for Democracy. The un-Americans have "suggested" that college presidents ban AYD wherever it exists on campus.

Talking about a police state—the un-Americans told the attorney general to imprison Henry Wallace because he's agitating for the United Nations.

They tell Congress to imprison Eugene Dennis because he has challenged the whole idea of government of, by and for the un-American conspirators.

And now they tell every school in the country to introduce the old Japanese "thought control" system in the American educational system.

Certainly there are Communists in America's schools. We have universal education in America. And there are Communist organizations such as Marxist Clubs on many campuses which practice some measure of academic freedom.

But American Youth for Democracy isn't Communist any more than the veterans and other school organizations are Communist because they admit members without exacting a political means test.

AYD is in Rankin's hair for the same reason that Wallace is. AYD is active in the fight to increase GI allotments to meet the intolerable rise of living costs.

It is active in the fight for peace with the enthusiasm of members who helped defeat fascism in order that America might live in peace.

American Youth for Democracy should be proud of its new opponent. The un-American attack should win more friends to AYD on campus and off, in order to preserve freedom of thought and freedom of organization for the young people of America.

## Are You Ready?

DID YOU hear that roar of voices from the Chicago stockyards? That was 20,000 outraged American workers shouting their contempt for the Hartley-Taft "slave bill" that will knife every union man in the country.

You will hear the same kind of shout from Detroit, where all auto plants will be closed Thursday as workers stream toward a protest meeting against the "slave bills."

You'll hear it from many cities.

And you're going to hear it in a mighty shout of defiance on May Day.

Above all, this May Day is going to be your chance to get in line to challenge the union-wreckers of Congress.

The "slave bill" was rushed through the House amid riotous shouts of joy. Three to one, they voted.

They voted to turn every American worker into an industrial serf. They voted to turn the clock back 25 years to the days of sweatshop, the labor spy, the long hours and semi-starvation pay.

May Day becomes the day to reply to these despoilers of America that they can't get away with it. May Day will say to them that labor is the backbone of our democracy, that a non-union America will be on the way toward some kind of fascism. That's how Germany started down the same road.

But this is America, and this is 1947, and this is the land that helped smash Hitler.

So, get ready, all you men and women who refuse to be frightened by the Rankins, Bilbos, Hoovers, Tafts, Hartleys and the rest of that imitation-Hitler crowd.

Get ready to march on May Day to show that the labor haters can't "take" America.



## Letters From Our Readers

Overheard on  
The 5:15

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

You don't expect to hear things like this from a Long Island commuter. Nevertheless last Thursday I heard one commuter say to another.

"Did you see the newsreel about Dennis before that Committee in Washington? Dennis, the Communist, you know. They asked him his name, and he said, 'My name is Dennis, EUGENE V.—DENNIS.' He said it so they could hear it. Then in a minute they asked his name again. He said: 'I just told you—EUGENE V.—DENNIS.' He just looked at 'em, cool as hell.

"Whatever you may think of him, he knows how to fight. 'I just told you—EUGENE V.—DENNIS.' It was marvelous! You can't blame Dennis for the way he acted, either. He knew he couldn't get a fair hearing there. And when they tried to serve him with the subpoena, he wouldn't take it. 'This committee is unlawfully constituted,' he said. By God, he knows how to fight! 'My name is EUGENE V.—DENNIS.' He was wonderful!"

COMMUTER.

## Italian People Need Aid

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Our children must live with the children of Italy in the united world of tomorrow, their poverty and starvation invariably make fertile breeding grounds for hatreds and destructive ideologies. We must help feed and clothe Italian children so they may grow up with a conviction of our friendship toward them.

Their need is urgent. The readers of the Daily Worker can aid by sending a contribution to the American Relief for Italy, Inc., 29 Broadway, New York, 6, N. Y.

R. R. AARONSON.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.



## WASHINGTON NOTES Why Many Democrats Voted Wrong

By Rob F. Hall

IT WAS the morning after the House passed the Hartley bill by 308 to 107 and my mood was not cheerful. "Astoria," I said to the girl who does our filing, "I want you to clip the voting record from the morning paper. I want to study it. It is full of portent."

"Okay," replied Astoria, "if I can find Langley Collier." My look was a baffled question mark.

"Oh," she explained, "I call the office scissors Langley Collier, because they've been buried under the trash on your desk for six weeks."

"Very corny," I commented. "This is no time for jokes. Did you know that 93 Democrats voted for this Republican bill? Only 84 members of Mr. Truman's party voted against it. It's a dirty shame and disgrace."

"My eye!" said Astoria inelegantly, "you didn't expect John Rankin or Gene Cox to vote against it?"

"No one—and least of all an old student of zoology like myself—expects leopards to change their spots. There were some kittens mixed among those leopards, however. Get that voting record and I'll show you."

Not having located Langley Collier, Astoria performed a surgical job on the morning paper with a hairpin, and handed me the clipping.

"There were at least seven or eight northern and western Democrats who could have been persuaded to vote against the Hartley bill," I said. "For instance, Engle of California; Fallon and Meade, pro-Truman Democrats from Maryland; and Fernandez and Lusk of New Mexico. In fact, Mrs. Lusk voted once to send the bill back to committee. And then there's Bell and Zimmerman, Democrats from Mr. Truman's Missouri."

"Now look at your Southern Democrats," I continued. "Patman is an anti-fascist and sometimes a liberal. He voted FOR this bill. Hardy from Norfolk, Va., was elected last November with labor support. He voted for the bill.

There's no good reason for their being in the wrong column. And that goes more or less for these others: Lyndon Johnson and Lyle of Texas; Davis, Gore and Priest, all from Tennessee cities; Dean and Redden of North Carolina; Chapin and Chelf of Kentucky; Sykes and Rogers of Florida; and Trimble of Arkansas."

"And don't forget Laurie Battle of Birmingham," said Astoria. "There are lots of votes among the steel workers and iron and coal miners there. HE should have been made to vote right."

"That's 23 Democratic votes that went wrong, inexcusably," I said. "And half of them voted to recommit, which shows how favorable were the possibilities."

"Well, what happened?" asked Astoria. "Why did they vote wrong?"

"Two reasons, my dear," I sighed. "First, the folks back home didn't put on enough heat. Second, the Truman Administration didn't care hard enough. Sure, I know, Democratic leaders like Sam Rayburn and McCormack made speeches. But that's not real pressure."

"What do you think is happening to Democrats who are refusing to go along fully with Truman on the Greek-Turkish deal? They are really feeling the heat. Sen. Pepper was called in by Gael Sullivan, the party top kick, and given the carrot-and-club treatment. The State Department is practically camping on the doorstep of Helen Douglas. This is real party discipline and woe unto a Democrat who kicks over the traces."

"If Mr. Truman wants to defeat the Hartley bill and if he really wants to, he can put on the heat in the Senate, he can veto it. He can scare up enough votes to sustain his veto: IF HE REALLY TRIES!"

I slammed my fist hard on the desk, or rather on the heap of papers piled upon it. Something jumped with a metallic jangle.

"Oh, there's Langley Collier," said Astoria and grabbed.



# Soviet People Resent Allied Reparations Stand

By Morris Childs

MOSCOW, April 18.—There is widespread indignation among the Soviet people caused by what they believe is an unjust attitude by the U.S. and Great Britain on reparations. It is felt in every walk of life here and according to letters from readers appearing in the press it is the sentiment throughout the country.

As architect N. B. Sokolov put it in a letter to Pravda there's not a man in the Soviet Union who would not consider himself a participant in the discussion going on at the Foreign Ministers' roundtable.

The average Soviet citizen in factory, office or farm is puzzled at our attitude on reparations. Only the other day I overheard two collective farmers on Pale-

shovski Market Place talking about spring sowing and tractors and how much easier it would be if there were more tractors.

## BLAME ALLIES

They were trying to figure out why they haven't got more and they put a lot of blame for this on the Allies for holding back reparations. What the peasants particularly couldn't understand was the attitude of Britain and they asked each other whether Britishers had short memories. Had they forgotten the bombings and damage done to their homes and factories? Surely not. So why the devil are they holding up reparations?

Let there be no mistake: life is not at a standstill here because there is no reparations flowing to the USSR. People are working

hard and they are very self-reliant. The Soviet Union is on the road to recovery and this is best illustrated by the report of the State Planning Commission of the Council of Ministers, just made public. The report shows a general rise of industrial production for the first quarter of this year compared with last year.

Some industries show a very marked gain, such as electric power, oil, and light industry generally. Retail trade also increased compared with last year. The industrial picture may be uneven in spots but most important centers such as Moscow and Leningrad have fulfilled their plans.

## FROM SCRATCH

Some industries which made gains last year were nevertheless a little behind in fulfilling their

plan for the first quarter of this year. This can be explained in part by the fact that production had to be carried on simultaneously with reconstruction of the devastated areas.

In many instances production had to start from scratch since there was no reserve of raw materials or fuel. The transportation system which suffered considerably during the war had to be restored.

Nature too wasn't very helpful the past winter. As in all Europe the weather was severe, with blizzards and extreme cold.

The Government and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union launched big "offensives" as they describe them in the battle of the harvest. The aim is to increase the sown area by 25,000,000 acres

and the crop yield by 26 percent. The country's highest and most prized decorations will be given to those collective farmers who achieve this goal.

Daily, collective farms are flooding Stalin with letters signed by their members individually which outline their plans. This is the most important front page news here. People are determined to produce enough raw materials and food to keep industry going under all circumstances.

I wonder if diplomats from western countries are not making a mistake in interpreting the demand for justice on reparations as weakness. The way the Russians seem to be surmounting difficulties shows that they will not be pressured into compromise on questions of principle.

## BUILDING The Communist Party

By RECRUITER

ONE of this column's critics chides me with stressing success stories. I therefore hasten to report that in a round-trip flight to Chicago, three ace recruiters and myself failed to recruit a single new member from among the air passengers.

The occasion for this sky safari was the Brooklyn invasion of Chicago for the purpose of spurring Party-building in both boroughs, I mean both cities, I mean in Brooklyn and Chicago.

*Passed the stock yards on the way to the Big Meeting. Comes socialism, comrades, we shall spray the yards with Chanel No. 5.*

Carl Vedro led off for the three-man Brooklyn aggregation at the meeting of 300 club and branch leaders. Carl hammered away at the need to build the Party NOW. When he finished he received a well-deserved ovation.

The UE in the Windy City is buying up large blocks of tickets for the Dodgers-Cubs game in Chicago next month and will show up with placards calling for more Negroes in the big leagues under the slogan "If the Dodgers can do it—so can the Cubs!" This Brooklyn-Chicago competition is really catching on.

Vedro and the other delegates from Brooklyn spoke modestly. They can afford to be modest, the bums, what with their splendid achievements in the Daily Worker subscription drive, in fund-raising and Party-building.

Gil Green, chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, told the meeting that there was good reason to take up Brooklyn's challenge. The reactionaries, he pointed out, are fond of maintaining that opposition to their policies is a New York proposition. Building the Illinois movement to the strength of New York would help show that resistance is national, he said.

The Party in Illinois is in the midst of a FIGHT BACK campaign. A "don't-tread-on-me" spirit is developing within the Party. At the same time the FIGHT BACK campaign is aimed at organizing the PEOPLE, especially organized labor, to fight back. To speed the campaign, the Communist Party has just signed a six-month contract with radio station KJOB for weekly broadcasts beamed at the steel workers of Calumet. Gil Green, who recently broadcast over still another station, received 225 letters asking for copies of his address. Ads are being taken in numerous newspapers and a pamphlet series on "Who Are the Reds" is underway. Indicative of the fighting spirit in the Illinois movement is the fact that they raised \$37,300 in three weeks—an unprecedented achievement. But it is in its work in the large industries that Illinois is beginning to set a pace that others—even Brooklyn—might well follow.



PATRICIA SCHMIDT, Chicago dancer, re-enacts for Cuban police her fatal shooting of John Lester Mee aboard his yacht in Havana harbor. Medical officers called her story of Mee's death "impossible."

## Foster

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can part of the combination. Henry Wallace, interviewed in London by a representative of Telepress, was quite right in indicating the direct connection between President Truman's interventionist foreign policies and the speeches of De Gaulle.

The plain fact is that all over Europe (indeed, throughout the world) the United States Government is actively supporting reaction against the forces of democracy. In France De Gaulle is American imperialism's man. He is the one Truman, Marshall, Vandenberg, Dulles and Company are depending upon to rally the badly discredited and weakened forces of French reaction for an all-out assault upon the new democratic liberties of the French people.

The Communists and other democratic forces in France are quite aware of all this and they are warning the people against the danger of an attempt at a coup d'état by De Gaulle.

## MASS DISCONTENT

De Gaulle seizes upon the present moment to make his assault upon French democracy because of the deep economic and political difficulties in which France now finds herself after her disastrous experiences in the war.

Vast sections of the country are devastated, industry faces many severe problems of rehabilitation, the cost of living is very high, living standards are relatively low, and the colonies are full of revolt. All these difficulties naturally

## Packinghouse Union Moves Farm Office

CHICAGO, April 20.—The office on farm-labor relations of the United Packinghouse Workers Union (CIO) will be moved to Des Moines, Ia., Ralph Helstein, union president, announced today.

He appointed Lee R. Simon, formerly with the Des Moines Register and Tribune, director of the office.

create much mass discontent.

This De Gaulle is attempting to channel in the direction of fascism. De Gaulle is especially moved to strike at this time because the present government, by dint of the tremendous exertions of the workers (mostly under Communist inspiration) is gradually fighting its way out of its difficult post-war economic problems.

De Gaulle, in his speeches, outlined no definite program (in true fascist form). But his objectives are pretty clearly known from his past activities and from the company he keeps.

First, with his red-baiting he is trying to isolate the Communist Party and drive it out of the government, this being his leading (and very unsuccessful) policy ever since France was liberated in 1945.

## FEARS RECOVERY

Second, he wants to sabotage the economic recovery of the country, for a recovery under a democratic government the reactionaries fear most of all; third, he is striving to keep the nation in a state of political paralysis by forcing new elections; fourth, he is out to destroy the national constitution recently adopted and to force the acceptance of one more convenient for a dictator.

Fifth, he is trying to de-nationalize the industries and to return thus to the discredited system of private ownership. Sixth, he wants to lay the basis for a Western bloc of European states against the USSR.

And behind all these reactionary "immediate" aims, De Gaulle is nursing his central idea of a Vichy-like fascist regime for France, with himself as the supreme dictator.

## "BOOMERANG"

It is safe to say that the would-be autocrat, De Gaulle, will not succeed in his reactionary schemes. Indeed, his bold moves for power will boomerang against him and his French, British and American capitalist masters.

Already, De Gaulle's bombastic speeches have aroused a sharp alarm in the breast of every true democrat in France. And doubtless, the end result of De Gaulle's brazen, pro-fascist agitation will be: first, a defeat of capitalist-imperialist reaction, and second, a firmer consolidation, upon a higher political plane, of the basic democratic masses in France.

After their long and bitter experiences with the traitorous big capitalists in their country, it is unthinkable that the people of France should accept a man on horseback from the ranks of reaction.

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### Tomorrow Queens

ATTENTION Sunnyside Section, membership meeting; listen to Bill Norman, NYS Org. Secy., on "What's Cooking in Turkey and Greece." Sing with Tom Paley, folksinger. Sunnyside Sect., 46-14 Queens Blvd.

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# Reiser, Robinson Early Standouts for Dodgers

## Unsettled Team, Missing Leo, Needs Cleanup Hitter

By Lester Rodney

It's a little early in the season for estimations, but as the rain came down in Boston yesterday, Manager Bert Shotton and his coaches must have been mulling over the performance of the Dodgers in their first four games, which found them winning a pair from the Braves and dropping the next two to the Giants.

There are three outstanding sources of satisfaction:

1. **PETE REISER** gives every indication of being over the shoulder injury that hampered him last year. A sound Reiser can be the best outfielder in the league and a mighty important spark towards a pennant.

2. **JACKIE ROBINSON'S** hitting, bunting, baserunning and general play tab him as a star who will help the team enormously. He's clouting .429, with 6 hits for 13 times at bat, second on the team to Reiser's dizzy .500. While average don't mean too much at this stage, Robinson is already showing what made him the minor league's outstanding ballplayer, a fine judgment on pitched balls, good timing, exceptional bunting ability, tremendous speed going down the basepath which will eke out many a hit and draw many a hurried throw for an error, and all round fielding of a high order. Still a little cautious as he feels his way against big league pitching, Jackie has been taking some good first strikes and getting behind, but it doesn't seem to worry him much. It's obvious that he's up to stay a good while.

3. **PIXIE WALKER**, just as he predicted all through his miserable spring training period, is beginning to lay the wood against the ball. Through lack of a legitimate home run cleanup batter of the Camilli type, Walker becomes very important to this club in the cleanup spot.

Despite disappointing early performances by Higbe, Lombard and Branca pitching is of no real concern to this club. Hatten and Gregg have looked good and there is another depth and stability to insure as fine a caliber of mound work as any other team in the league with the possible exception of the Cards.

Catching is another matter. The persistent soreness in slugging young Bruce Edward's arm has every one worried. Potentially the catcher of the league, Bruce has been trying to work out the soreness. If he can't and needs treatment, an operation or a long rest, neither Bragan nor Howell, good defensive receivers, figures to help much at bat. The possibility arises of bringing hard hitting Roy

Campanella, Negro catcher, down from Montreal to fill the gap if necessary.

Reese, Stanky and Hermanski have all had trouble buying a base hit, with one apiece for the first four games. Nobody is too worried about Peewee, who hit well before and will get going. There is a little more concern about Stanky however. The scrappy little second baseman fell off badly in the last few months of the '46 race.

He may hit, but if he doesn't, and the team is losing games through lack of punch look for a shift moving Robinson to second, the position he held down at Montreal last year, and the installation of a long range type hitter at first. That could either be Ed Stevens getting his last chance to deliver or more likely someone obtained from another team like Babe Young of the Giants, who Durocher didn't fancy but Shotton may.

Gene Hermanski has scratched one hit to date and if he doesn't start banging the right handed batters Carl Furillo will undoubtedly be permanently installed in the outer garden. The young Pennsylvanian is out of the doghouse after a sensible change of attitude on many matters. He has extra base walloping potential, though not too sure on curve ball pitching, and on speed and throwing can't be beaten.

At third young Jorgenson has made it for at least an extended trial. The Spider, one of Rickey's pets, has one of the nicest cross diamond pegs we've seen in some time, and gives every evidence of clicking out a lot of base hits from his Vaughan-like stance.

Stan Rojek is a big league utility man who may not be traded after all. And two long hitting young outfielders, Snider and Lund, are waiting a chance. Twenty-year-old Snider, a left handed socker is rated Walker's ultimate successor in right field and Durocher had intended to keep him around all year.

It's a team with a lot of potential and a lot of problems. It hasn't shaken down into its final form yet. When it does you'll see an outfit primarily on the old Card Gashouse order, winning on speed, verve, and pitching, rather than long distance clouting. Reiser and Robinson haven't really started running these bases yet!

# The Yanks Have a Character

Out in Yankee Stadium's right field is a spot of hallowed ground known as Ruthville, where the mighty Babe held forth.

The pressure was terrific on Ruth's successors, even down to Tommy Henrich. And then came Gnomish Yogi Berra.

"Ruth?" said the kid from the hill in St. Louis. "I was two years old when he hit those 60 homers. It doesn't worry me any."

The Yankees uncovered a bonanza in the Yogi, and not only for his hitting. He brought laughter to the bench of the staid old Yankees for the first time since Left Vernon Gomez packed up.

They can't help laughing at this uninhibited youngster from the same street that sent rosy-cheeked Joe Garagiola to the Cardinals last year and it's fine with

manager Bucky Harris. He hopes the Yogi will keep the Yankees loosened up.

Listed as a catcher on the Yankee roster, the 5-8 left-handed swinger caught fire in the south and his .353 clouting to date looks like he's a regular.

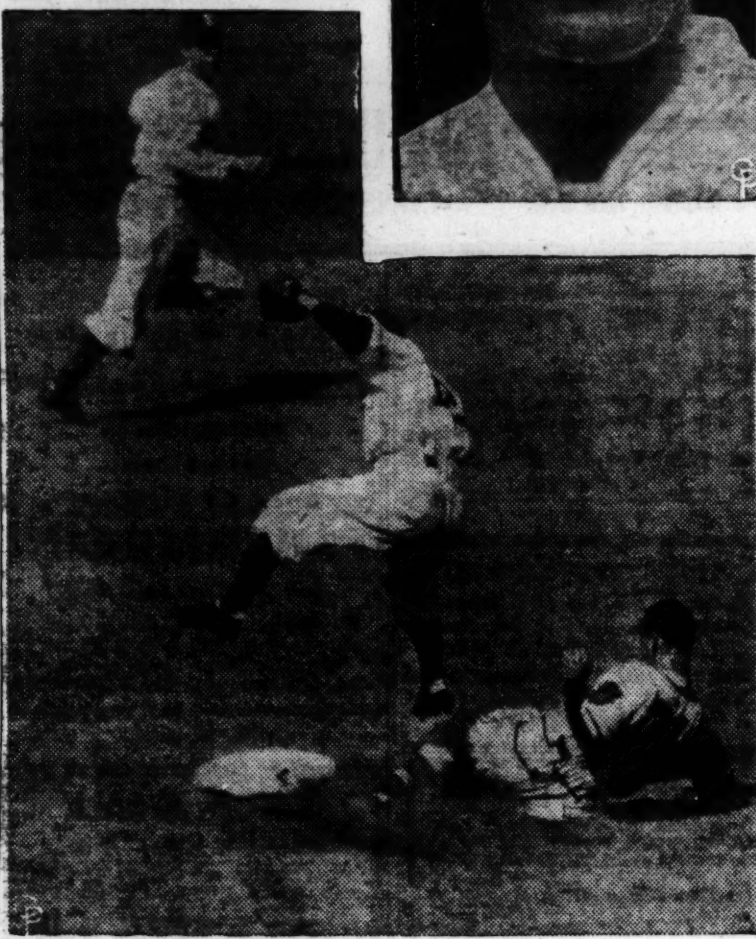
The Yanks were quick to peg the 22-year-old husky as an unconscious comedian. Already, he is being billed as another Ping Bodie, an earlier Yankee character who often did the wrong thing at the right time.

"I hear you're a bad ball hitter," a reporter said.

"Bad balls? Sure, why not? I got to hit at something. They don't throw me any good ones," Berra said solemnly.

That explains how, during the spring, against major league pitch-

**BERT SHOTTON**, new Dodger manager (right) is getting acquainted with his personnel. Ed Stanky goes high for an errant throw by catcher Bruce Edwards in the picture below, and Bruce's arm trouble is one of the worries Berti inherits.



## Labor Leaders Greet Palestine Booters Here

Prominent labor leaders of the CIO and AFL will be on hand when the Trade Union Committee holds a reception luncheon for the Hapoel Soccer Team of Palestine tomorrow (Tuesday) at 12:30 p. m. at the Hotel McAlpin.

The team, which opens its good-will tour at the Yankee Stadium, May 4, is a representative squad of the sports and physical culture section of the Histadrut, general federation of Jewish labor in Palestine. William Green, AFL President, and Jacob Potofsky, President of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, head the list of outstanding labor leaders on the trade union national sponsors' committee.

### LOTS OF CALLS!

Showing the tremendous interest in the Dodgers, here's what a phone call to station WHN (scheduled to broadcast the game from Boston) brought yesterday afternoon. Without even a hello or what do you want, "The game was called off."

## DiMag Back, Clouts One

The Yankee Clipper is back, and how!

Playing with his tender heel encased in a special protective shoe, Joe DiMaggio went into the outfield for the Yankees yesterday in the first game of a doubleheader at Shibe Park in Philly, and his home run with two on in the 3rd was a major blow in the 6-2 defeat of the A's.

Spud Chandler won his first game of the year, yielding 9 hits and leaving 10 men stranded. It was his 101st big league victory against 39 defeats, and his 18th decision over the A's, who have beaten him 5 times.

The Yanks rest today and meet the Red Sox at the Stadium tomorrow in the first test of the year against the league champs.

**FLASH:** The Yanks won the second game of the doubleheader 3-2 in the 10th behind young Don Johnson, 20-year-old rookie, to run their record to 4 won, 2 lost. DiMaggio sat this one out.

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## Giants Routed by Phils 10-1

The New York Giants reverted to their 1946 form yesterday at the Polo Grounds, playing like bush leaguers as they dropped a 10-1 farce to the second place Phillies.

The Phils caught the Polo Grounds home run fever in the 4th. Donnie Northey opened with a double and when Tabor and Andy Seminick slapped home runs to left young Hubert Andrews came into the box.

Andrews went out for a pinch hitter in the 7th, Bob Carpenter replacing him. He got by one inning unscathed, but in the 8th the comedy really began. Northey rapped his 3rd hit. As Tabor missed a strike Northey stole and went to 3rd when Thomson failed to cover the bag for Cooper's throw. Tabor then singled scoring Northey. McCormick grounded to Lohrke, who threw to Thomson for a force but the youngster dropped the ball. Seminick topped a ball on which Carpenter bumped into Lohrke, giving the Phils a hit and filling the bags. After Verban fouled out, Rowe drove a double to left center which rolled to the bleachers. Hartung juggled Gearhart's relay as he did against the Dodgers, allowing Rowe to jog to 3rd.

The Giant's 4th error came in the 9th when Lohrke threw Tabor's grounder into the grandstand. For the third successive home game Hartung when hitless but for two long flies boomed into deep center. Rowe pitched impeccably, passing none and except for Marshall's home run permitted no runner to reach 3rd.

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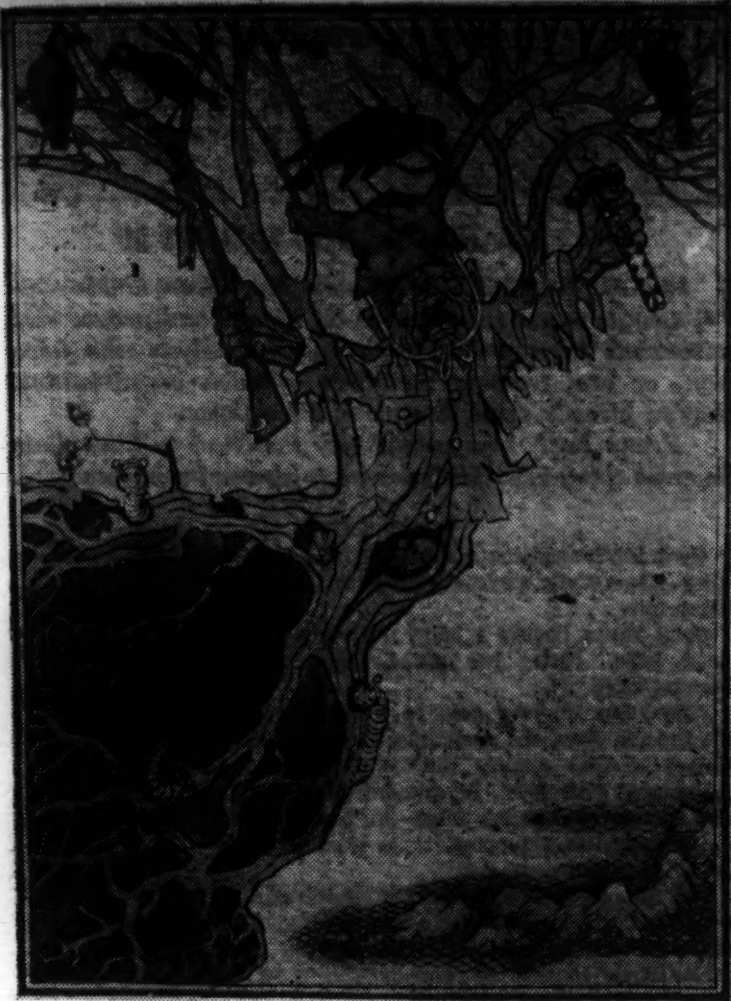
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## Challenge Records Offers Labor's Hit Parade Tunes

By Murray Chase

Challenge Records, a new firm, steps out with two tunes described as "top tunes on labor's hit parade." *Pity the Down-trodden Landlord*, an English importation and *Put It on the Ground*, by Glazer and Wolff, both of which have had success at people's "hoots," are coupled for this first issue. (C1-100, one 110-inch record, 79c.)

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## Trusts Being Shielded In Hearings on Blast

By Ruth Koenig

HOUSTON, Tex., April 20.—The heat is being kept off the big corporations involved in the terrible Texas City blast at the U.S. Coast Guard hearings being held in Galveston on the causes of the disaster. No investigation has even been

started yet into the responsibility of the \$79,000,000 Monsanto Chemical Co. for the greatest industrial tragedy in American history, though the Monsanto plant explosion caused most of the destruction.

Another worker, a seaman, named Daniel Smith, a member of the CIO National Maritime Union, was killed in the Monsanto plant today as he dug for bodies buried in the blasted ruins of the great plant.

The failure of the Monsanto company to evacuate its hundreds of workers from the giant plant after the fire started on the S. S. Grand Camp, the death ship, has not even been noted at the Coast Guard hearings as yet.

Their refusal to shut off the plant machinery promptly, and thus lessen the hazards of the explosion of the volatile chemical material, has not come into the official picture at all.

Yet Monsanto officials knew about the fire more than an hour before the ammonium nitrate and ammunition on the ship blew up at 9:15 a. m. Wednesday, and started the chemical plant explosion.

The Monsanto personnel office stood right on the dock within sight of the blazing ship.

There is reason to believe that higher ups knew about the fire still earlier. It is reported that longshoremen, coming to work at 7 a. m. that morning, as usual were told to report an hour later, at 8.

Yet hundreds of lives might have been saved had the Monsanto company turned off the machinery and evacuated the workers without any delay.

Many white, Negro and Mexican women and children would also be alive today if the government had supplied decent industrial housing to the families of the oil and chem-

ical and waterfront workers in the Texas City area.

The blasts, which wiped the flimsy little two room shacks, and the outhouses behind them, off the map, and killed the mothers and babies inside, left brick houses standing.

"This failure to provide public housing is a ghastly crime," commented William McCarthy, national director of the NMU, who came to Texas to help speed the investigation into the disaster that took the lives of his union's members.

"It is murder. It cannot be forgiven. And this murder may happen any day at other Texas ports, where the workers live in the same kind of flimsy shacks near the docks, where the ships laden with explosives tie up."

McCarthy expressed indignation at the tactics of attorneys for the chemical companies and American shipowners at the Coast Guard hearings.

"They are behaving like ghouls over the bodies of the dead," he declared today. "They are trying to put all the blame on the French shipping company, and even on the Texas City longshoremen and none on the big corporations that dominate the Texas City waterfront."

The NMU official insists on the fullest probe of the death ship—of its cargo of ammonium nitrate, ammunition and other things, and of the way the cargo was handled.

But no whitewash of the Monsanto company, whose blasts did most of the damage to the city, will be permitted.

Many NMU seamen were burned fighting fires with the volunteer rescue squads.

Many of the burns came while the seamen were blasting craters in the

ground to catch the oil gushing from wrecked storage places.

Another 45 Texas City men and women are suffering from gas gangrene, after the fumes from burning oil and chemicals penetrated their wounds.

A sad footnote to the temporary victory over the Jimerow system in the disaster city came out today. In the beginning Negro and whites victims of the blast were treated together by Negro and white doctors, black often treating white, and white black.

But segregation of the suffering is coming back. The Jimerowing began in some cases as soon as the oil that smeared the victims' faces was cleared off, revealing their color.

Attorney Morris Akin, state CIO secretary and legislative representative, rapped the reactionary Texas legislature today for its failure to enact safety laws for the chemical and petroleum industries.

"What happened in Texas City could happen in Beaumont, Port Neches, Kilgore, Border or Port Arthur, other oil and chemical towns, he said.

"Realizing these hazards I discussed the need of safety rules and regulations with Maureen Moore, labor commissioner from Texas, last year.

"In her annual report, which each member of the legislature received, she urged the adoption of these safety rules.

"But the Texas legislature has been too busy throttling the workers to find time to consider human safety."

The Communist Party is pressing its demand for federal and state appropriations for the families of the hundreds of dead, and the thousands of injured persons.

## 33 Join Party At Harlem Rally

Four hundred aroused Harlem citizens attending a Communist Party mass meeting yesterday at the Renaissance Casino roared approval as Benjamin J. Davis and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn attacked the "Un-Americans" and called for defense of the Communist Party. They backed their approval up when 33 signed membership cards to join the CP.

Miss Flynn was vigorously applauded when she urged the audience to "repudiate the un-American way of life advocated by Rankin, Bilbo and the American monopolists."

Davis, declared "the people of Harlem will not be intimidated by red baiters." He said "we've tasted victory over Hitler and it was good—and now we won't be satisfied until we've destroyed Hitlerism in America."

Davis said that if the Hartley anti-labor bill passes, the Negro people know that "one of the foundations of their liberties will have been uprooted."

## Dog Leash Sole Clue In Trunk Murder

KEYPORT, N. J., April 20 (UP).—Police were stumped today by the dog leash murder mystery—the slaying of an attractive woman between 35 and 40 whose nude body was found in a steamer trunk on a lonely country road here last night.

She had been strangled with a leather leash which still was around her neck.

The only clue to the woman's identity was the fact that her upper teeth had been removed lately, probably sometime during the past week since the gums had not yet healed. New Jersey state police appealed to any dentist who might have performed such an operation on a woman of the victim's description to get in touch with the Keyport state barracks.

The woman was five feet two inches tall and weighed 145 pounds. She had brown hair with gray streaks through it. Her hands were well cared for, and her nails polished. Her hair had been shampooed recently.

Dr. Harvey Hartman, county physician, performed an autopsy today and returned a verdict of "murder by strangulation." He estimated the woman had been dead since Thursday or Friday.

## THUGS JAILED FOR ATTACK ON NEGROES

ROXBURY, Mass., April 20.—Two hoodlums were sentenced here Friday to six months and three months in the House of Correction for an attack on two Negro newspapermen. Judge Franklin W. L. Miles, who sentenced the thugs, John Knicker-son, 20 and Lloyd Allen, 19, in Roxbury District Court, called the attack "an unprovoked assault" and said he would not stand for such actions in his district.

Wm. E. Harrison, editor, and Samuel P. Berry, a columnist of the Boston Chronicle, Negro newspaper, were beaten up as they waited for a street car to take them home after

putting out their paper. Both Harrison and Perry were struck. Harrison was knocked to the ground and Perry ran to a nearby restaurant where police were likely to be found. He returned with two officers to find Harrison in a dazed condition on the sidewalk and his attackers across the street standing over another Negro whom they had knocked to the ground.

Emanuel Blum, New England Communist Party chairman who was present in the courtroom, told reporters "the Legislature, which has been holding hearings on restricting the Communist Party,

should spend its time investigating the spreading of hate and attacks on minorities, if they really want to serve the interests of the State."

## Democrat Hits GOP on Farm Program Stall

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Rep. Walter K. Granger (D-Utah) today asked for an explanation of why Republican members of the House Agriculture Committee insist on delaying enactment of a new long-range farm program until next year.



by BARNARD RUBIN

J. EDGAR HOOVER'S FBI men have been making attempts to get information on liberal and progressive movements from the offices of psychoanalysts who have been, or are, treating members of such organizations. They've already tried it on the West Coast.

Pretty low? Low enough for the Nazis to have done the same thing after Hitler came to power in Germany....

### TOWN TALK

Gene Fowler writing a movie script based on the life of Jimmy Walker. "Gene Kelly may be approached to play the Walker role. . . .

Carol Bruce having a baby. If a girl—will be named Julie. (After her grandmother, not her Showboat role). . . .

When Yip Harburg goes to the Soviet Union some time in May, the possibility of doing Finian's Rainbow in that country will be discussed. . . .

Harvard University is experimenting with a radio version of Homer's Iliad—in basic English! . . . Commercial I suppose, to be done in Esperanto. . . .

Ted Weems, whose version of Heartache tops the best seller lists is getting a raw deal from Music Corporation of America. Outfit is reluctant to give Weems' band top bookings. . . .

Kay Kyser considering changing the format of his show to a new type of audience participation. . . .

Radio going culture mad. Bringing back horse operas in a big way. Three of the four major networks are introducing new western series. . . .

Halsted Welles may do the movie script of Another Part of the Forest.

Which reminds me that there's less than two weeks left to see Another Part of the Forest. And seats are available. For my money its author, Lillian Hellman, is the top craftsman in the American theater today. Another Part of the Forest does the same kind of a job on the rising post Civil War Southern capitalists that Balzac did on the young money class of France. Miss Hellman's dialogue is always adult and sincere and by the time her characters have had their say you know them for what they are. Forest has been criticized, in some circles, as being "too melodramatic." But melodrama, when handled by the masters, can be simply another word for realism in the treatment of certain themes in certain eras. There are few plays more melodramatic than Oedipus Rex and Hamlet.

Percy Waram, Mildred Dunnock and Patricia Neal all turn in excellent performances. . . .

Cootie Williams has applied to FOC for permission to install a radio telephone in his new car. Claims that with it he can drive into the city, conduct his business and listen to his band rehearsals all at the same time. . . .

Rudy Friml, Jr., son of the famous composer, has been assigned to the music business in the screen version of Voice of the Turtle. . . .

Casey Allen and Fran Carlon now husband and wife. . . . The James Masons offer lunch guests a selection of vitamin pills before they dine. . . .

The Negro Experimental Theatre of Buenos Aires will perform O Mulato by Langston Hughes and possibly follow that with Anna Lucasta. . . .

The forthcoming puppeteers' convention at St. Louis will witness a performance of the puppet opera Anfiparnasso, a 16th century madrigal. Big hit in London. . . .

Detroit will soon have its fourth burlesque house. . . .

The Connecticut State Legislature refused to put through a ban on fireworks. Each community will have to make up its own mind. . . .

Baliban & Katz will build a movie theater in Toledo especially constructed to offer television shows. . . .

Danny Kaye and Georgia Gibbs had a narrow escape when they were doing personal appearances in San Francisco. They walked out of the stage door to be greeted by a couple of bullets missing them by inches. The bullets were fired by a cop busily engaged in catching a fleeing thief. . . .

Promised all kinds of favorable publicity for Louis Budenz' book, publishers McGraw-Hill rushed an order of a 25,000 edition to the binders. A few days later, when the first reactions came in they phoned the binders and asked if they had completed the order.

No, they hadn't. "Good," said the publisher, "cut it to 7,000". . . . (All rights reserved)

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